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SUBJECT: F-16'S FOR KOREA

REF: A) SEOUL 0441, B)STATE 10805

1. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ON THE PENDING REQUEST FOR AN LOA COVERING 60 F-16 AIRCRAFT FOR KOREA. OUR BEST ASSESSMENT OF HOW THAT DECISION IS LIKELY TO COME OUT REMAINS THE SAME AS DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE A.

2. THE EMBASSY'S ASSUMPTION THAT THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE F-16 DECISION AND THE CEILING FOR FY 78 TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S ARMS TRANSFER POLICY IS CORRECT. THE FRAMEWORK BEING USED FOR MAKING THE ARMS TRANSFER CEILING DECISION DOES NOT INCLUDE F-16'S FOR KOREA IN FY 78. IT DOES, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZE THAT THIS REQUEST IS CONFIDENTIAL

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PENDING AND WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN A SUCCEEDING YEAR.

3. MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ARMS TRANSFER CEILING, HOWEVER, ARE THE CONSIDERATIONS CITED IN REF B, INCLUDING THE NEED TO GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THE UPGRADING OF KOREAN GROUND EQUIPMENT AND THE ADVISABILITY OF SECURING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED EQUIPMENT TRANSFER LEGISLATION

BEFORE THE CONTROVERSIAL F-16 PROPOSAL IS PUT BEFORE THE

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